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Section 1. -- The name of this Association shall be the
County Association of State herein-
after referred to as the "Association".

Section 2. -- The Association as authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall aid in the administration of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and shall not engage in any other activity. There shall be only one such Association for any county, except as may otherwise be prescribed by the Secretary.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Section 3. -- Any person who could become entitled to a grant under the provisions of the 1936 Soil Conservation Program in connection with farming operations in 1936 on a farm located in the county, shall become a member of the Association when he signs the register of members of the Association, but shall cease to be a member of the Association upon his failure to file a properly executed Work Sheet for 1936 within the time fixed for such filing. Any such person who receives a grant in 1936 pursuant to such program shall be a member of the Association for the remainder of the year 1936 and also for the year 1937, but shall cease to be a member for 1937 upon his failure to file a properly executed Work Sheet for 1937 within the time fixed for such filing. A farm shall be deemed to be located within the county if its principal dwelling is situated therein, and a tract of land having no dwelling shall be deemed to be located within the county if the major portion of such tract is situated therein. The register of members may be signed at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE IV - Directors, Committees, and Officers

Section 4. -- The board of directors of the Association (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") shall consist of one member from each community in the Association, each such member having been elected chairman of the community committee for his community.

In counties where an Association embraces only one community, not less than three nor more than five duly elected members of the community committee shall be members of the board of directors. If an Association embraces only two communities, the chairman and vice chairman of such community committees shall be members of the board of directors.

Section 5. -- The board shall elect from its members the president of the Association, who shall also serve as chairman of the county committee.

Section 6. -- The board shall elect from its members the vice president of the Association who shall serve as a member of the county committee and shall serve as chairman of the county committee when the regular chairman is absent or temporarily unable to serve.

Section 7. -- The board shall elect from its members one person who, together with the president and the vice president of the Association, shall constitute the county committee. With the approval of the Regional Director, additional members may be elected to serve on the county committee. The board shall elect from its members one alternate member of the county committee who shall serve on the committee only when any regular member is temporarily unable to serve.

In electing the county committee the policy of the board shall be to elect persons who as a group represent fairly the interests of Association members in all parts of the county.

Section 8. -- The board shall elect the secretary of the Association who is not required to be a member of the Association.

Section 9. -- The board shall elect the treasurer of the Association, who is not required to be a member of the Association, but who shall reside near the county Association headquarters. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined into the office of secretary-treasurer. In no case shall the County Agricultural Extension Agent serve as treasurer.

Section 10.--Each community shall have a committee of three regular members and one alternate member elected by written ballot at the election meeting in the community, from among the members of the Association living in the community. Such committee shall consist of a chairman who shall also be a member of the board of directors of the Association, a vice chairman who shall serve as chairman of the community committee and as a member of the board of directors when the regularly elected chairman is absent or temporarily unable to serve, one other regular member and an alternate member. With the approval of the Regional Director, additional members of the community committee may be elected.

Section 11.--Community boundaries shall be determined on the basis of minor civil divisions or on such other basis as may be approved by the Regional Director. In case the minor civil divisions are followed in determining community boundaries, a community may comprise several such minor civil divisions.

In counties where because of geographical or other conditions or because of the small number of persons filing Work Sheets it appears advisable, the entire county may, upon approval by the Regional Director, be considered as one community. In such instances a board of not less than three nor more than five members, who shall perform the duties of the community committee as well as functioning as the board of directors, shall be elected at such county-wide meeting.

Section 12.--Unless otherwise directed by the Regional Director, in the event of a vacancy or vacancies in the chairmanship or the membership of any community committee, the president of the Association shall instruct the secretary of the Association to call a community meeting within the community where such vacancy or vacancies occurred or will occur. Such meeting shall be held as soon as practicable after the occurrence of the vacancy or vacancies. Whenever the date of the vacancy can be ascertained in advance such meeting should be held not later than the date of vacancy. At such meeting a new chairman or member of the community committee shall be elected in accordance with the procedure prescribed for the general community election meeting. The result of the election shall be certified to the secretary of the Association by the person conducting the meeting.

A person elected to fill a vacancy in the office of chairman of a community committee shall by virtue of such election be deemed elected a member of the board but shall not by virtue of such election succeed to any position held by his predecessor as an officer of the Association or member of the county committee.

Vacancies in the office of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, or secretary-treasurer of the Association or in the membership of the county committee shall be filled in accordance with the method and

subject to the requirements as to qualifications governing the original election of such officers or committeemen.

Section 13.--All officers, directors and members of committees shall hold office until their successors in office are elected and qualify, except that any member of the county committee, any officer elected by the board and any employee selected by the county committee may be removed by the board of directors for failure to perform the duties of his office or employment, or for fraud or incompetency. If the board of directors does not act promptly in such cases, the Regional Director may remove such officer, committeeman or employee. The tenure of office of any county or community committeeman or officer who is required to be a member of the Association shall terminate when he ceases to be a member of the Association.

Section 14.--Officers, committeemen and employees of the Association may be allowed compensation at a rate approved by the Regional Director.

ARTICLE V -- Voting

Section 15.--Each member of the Association shall be entitled to one vote. There shall be no voting by proxy.

Section 16.--Each member of the board shall be entitled to one vote at meetings of the board.

ARTICLE VI. -- Duties of Directors, Committees, and Officers.

Section 17.--The power and authority of this Association shall be vested in the board. In addition to the duties set forth in Article IV, the board may recommend changes in the community boundaries and shall hear appeals of members of the Association from the recommendations of the county committee and shall submit such estimates of expenditures as may be required. The board shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned to it.

Section 18.--The county committee shall review all forms and other documents filed in the county in connection with the Act. The county committee shall also, pursuant to rulings and instructions, make recommendations to the Secretary concerning the making of grants under the Act. The committee may in accordance with official instructions hold such hearings and conduct such investigations as may be necessary in the performance of its duties. The committee shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Regional Director.

Section 19.--The secretary of the Association shall keep all records of the Association. He shall certify to the Regional Director results of elections held in the communities and county. He shall

maintain files of all forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the Act, keep records of distribution of payments of grants and perform such other duties pertaining to the Act as may be assigned by the Regional Director.

Section 20.--The treasurer shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Regional Director.

Section 21.--The books, records, documents, and accounts of the Association shall be available at all times for examination by officers and committeemen of the Association and members of its board in connection with the performance of their duties and by any authorized representative of the Secretary.

All books, records, documents, papers, and accounts of the Association are and shall remain the property of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and are to be safely maintained in good order in the office of the Association.

Section 22.--The community committees shall assist in preparing, checking, or approving forms and documents filed in the county in connection with the Act. They shall also assist the secretary of the Association in arranging meetings, and ascertain and report such data as may be required by the county committees for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act.

ARTICLE VII. -- Meetings

Section 23.--Community election meetings in all communities of the Association shall be held at such time or times as may be prescribed by the Regional Director. The result of each such election shall be certified to the secretary of the Association on prescribed forms.

Section 24.--Other community meetings of the members of the Association may be called by the president of the Association for the purpose of discussing and disseminating information, for receiving and acting upon communications to the membership concerning Association activities under the Act, and, in accordance with section 12, for the purpose of filling vacancies in the membership of community committees.

Section 25.--A meeting of the community chairmen elected at community meetings described in section 23 shall be held for the purpose of organizing the board as soon as practicable after general community election meetings have been held.

At such meetings the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) The roll of the communities shall be called.
- (b) Directors shall present certificates of election and shall thereupon assume office.

(c) The following officers shall be elected:

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| (1) President | (4) Secretary |
| (2) Vice President | (5) Treasurer |
| (3) Members of the County Committee | |

Upon such election, such officers shall take office, provided that, if a treasurers' bond is required, no person elected as treasurer shall qualify for such office unless a bond on a prescribed form is filed and approved.

(d) There shall be consideration of estimated expenditures for the necessary operation of the Association.

(e) Other business.

Section 26.--Meetings of the board shall be called by the president of the Association only when necessary for the purpose of hearing appeals from the recommendations of the county committee, for filling a vacancy or vacancies among the officers, for consideration of estimated expenditures, for consideration of and action upon official communications or for the performance of other duties of the board.

Section 27.--Meetings of the county committee may be called by the president of the Association. Due notice of meetings shall be given to all members of the committee.

Section 28.--A majority of the members of the board of directors or of any committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VIII.--District Organization

Section 29.--An Association may include two or more counties, or, upon approval by the Regional Director, two or more Associations may consolidate, or an Association covering two or more counties may form two or more Associations.

Section 30.--An Association formed pursuant to this Article VIII shall take its name from all counties (listed in alphabetical order) of the Association, provided however that, upon application by the directors and approval by the Regional Director, a different name may be adopted.

Certification:

We hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____, 1936, a regular meeting of the board of directors of the Association was held in accordance with the foregoing Articles of Association. A copy of the minutes of such meeting of the board of directors is attached hereto, entitled Exhibit A.

Approval by Secretary of Agriculture:

The above Articles of Association are hereby approved as of the _____ day of _____, 1936, and the Association is hereby authorized to operate in accordance with such Articles.

Secretary of Agriculture

President

By _____

Secretary

